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The Class of Nineteen Hundred Thirty - Nine dedicates this Year Book to Engene C. Hining,

the superintendent of schools in Billerica, whose unceasing interest in the welfare of the Class has been a constant source of encouragement.



CYRIL D. LOCKE, A. M. Principal

HE SPIRIT of a nation is what its leaders and its people make it. Our nation was founded upon the ideal of liberty for the individual citizen, within the bounds of law. Our free public schools were, in turn, founded so that all citizens might learn to enjoy that liberty within the law. Each pupil, while in school, can learn, as one very valuable lesson, compliance with the rules which govern the school. Only as each individual exercises discipline over himself can all the members of the school enjoy an ordered liberty. Then, on leaving school, those who have learned that lesson can best understand, appreciate, and help to maintain a true Democracy, a liberty within the law.

CYRIL D. LOCKE

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CHARLES HOWARTH

President, 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball, 2, 3, 4; Football, 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club, 2, 3; Massachusetts Music Festival, 2; Operetta, 1; Orchestra, 1, 2, 3, 4; Year Book Staff Sports Editor; Radio Play 2; Sportsmanship Brotherhood, 3.

Four years our class president, "Charlie" is by far the most popular member of the Senior Class. Fun-loving, even-tempered, friendly, humorous, and sportsmanlike, "Howie" has been outstanding both in school studies and in school sports. Howie wants to be an M. D. Good luck in your operations, "Doc."

CLAIRE BADGER

Whenever a group of girls can be seen laughing and giggling together, the odds are pretty good that Claire is among them, probably telling one of her favorite jokes. Claire's ambition is to become a nurse.

MORTON BENT

Vice-president, 4; Baseball, 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball, 1, 2, 3; Football, 1, 2, 3; Glee Club; Massachusetts Music Festival, 2; Athletic Association Play, 3; Sportsmanship Brotherhood, 3.

"Twisty" is our class mischiefmaker. He is blessed with a look of innocence that helps him greatly when he has some mischief afoot. He says his ambition is to become a "good" football player, but we believe he has other ambitions about which he is keeping silent.

FORREST BLAIR

Baseball Manager, 3; Year Book Staff; Athletic Association Play, 3; Senior Play; Radio Play, 2. "Speed", so called for his slow,

steady plugging at anything that he undertakes, is a good friend to have, for he is not the kind to let his friends down when luck goes against them. "Forr", as his best friends know him, wants to be a draftsman.

BLANCHE BOCKO

Year Book Staff; Tri-Delta Sec-

"Birnie" will long be remembered by the class of '39. She is dignified, yet always ready for a good time. Blanche's ambition is to be a buyer for a large department store. Her flair for wearing clothes and her preasing personality will insure her success as a buyer.

BERNICE BURNS
Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Massachusetts Music Festival, 2; Operetta, 1; Orchestra, 1, 2, 3, 4; Year Book Staff; Tri-Delta.

Bernice is a friendly, cheerful, unprepossessing girl who is very popular among the Seniors. Her ambition is to make a new friend every day, and to keep the old ones. With that ambition, "Bernie," you'll go a long way in life!















ROBERT CLARK

Basketball Manager, 4. "Clarkie" is a likable Senior whose pet peeve is getting up to go to school. "Clarkie" wants to get into aviation, and we wish him all the success in the world.

EDITH COLGATE

Edith's sincerity, quiet under-anding, conscientiousness, and standing, conscientiousness, and sense of humor have gained for her many friends among her classmates. She will always be known for her ardent love for horses.

ALBERT DAVID

Year Book Staff; Radio Play, 2; Sportsmanship Brotherhood, 2.

Quiet, ambitious, industrious, and conscientious, 'Al" is one of the friendliest members of the Senior Class. He says his pet peeve is the opposite sex, but I wonder? "Al's" ambition is to become a "Chem" professor.

HOWARD DICKERMAN

"Dick" is a quiet fellow who takes the good with the bad, with a shrug, a smile, and a comment or two. He says his ambition is to become a rich man (by raising minks, Dick?)

MARY DOLAN

Basketball, 1, 2, 3; Tri-Delta.

Mary is better known by her friends as "Mimi", although she dislikes the name greatly. Her hobbies are roller-skating and dancing, in both of which she excels. Mary's ambition is to become a telephone operator. come a telephone operator.

GERTRUDE EATON

Gertrude is a young lady with modest ways and a friendly manner. A firm determination and a heart of gold are assets that will surely help her gain future happiness and success as a dietician.

ELAINE EMERSON

Glee Club, 2, 3, 4; Massachusetts Music Festival, 2; Tri-Delta. Elaine's keen sense of humor, cheerfulness, and blitheness give her a pleasing personality and insure a bright future for her.

MAY EMERY

Basketball, 1, 2, 3, 4.

May is one of the jolliest girls in the Senior Class. Her hobby is cooking. Her favorite expression is "gosh," and it is heard regularly after an English test.

EILEEN ENNION

Tri-Delta.

Eileen is a fun-loving, goodnatured girl with a sense of humor all her own. Her ambition is to become a secretary—(a secretary to a wealthy widower at that!)

STANLEY FIELD

Football, 3, 4; Glee Club, 3. "Shep" is a good-natured fellow. His ambition is to be a commercial teacher in a college. He excels in football and hopes some day to become a famous college star.













WALLER FINNAGAN

Treasurer, 4; Baseball, 3, 4; Basketball, 3, 4, captain, 4; Football, 3, 4: Glee Club, 3, 4; Year Book Staff.

Waller is one of the jolliest fellows in school. He is active in every sport, and does well in all of them. His ambition is to be a star player. You have a good start, Waller. Keep it up!

EILEEN FREEMAN

Vice-president, 3; Secretary, 4; Basketball, 2, 3, 4; Year Book Staff; Tri-Delta.

Eileen is one of the most popular and happy-go-lucky members of our class, always full of fun and ready for a good time. She is one of our star basketball players, doing exceptionally well while playing center on the championship girls' teams of '38 and '39.

MARY GARDNER

Tri-Delta.

Conscientious and sincere in her school work, Mary, with her quiet demeanor and continual poise, is one of the most gracious members of the Senior Class. We feel sure Mary will succeed, in her quiet way, in her chosen profession,—stenography.

MARY GRANFIELD

Year Book Staff.

Mary is a quiet, unassuming young lady whose main enjoyments are swimming and reading. Mary's ambition is to make many friends and to keep them.

FRED GULLAGE

Baseball, 2; Glee Club, 1, 2.

Fred is a serious-minded fellow who tries his hardest in all his subjects. He wants to take up aereonautical engineering, an occupation that he will find most interesting, we are sure. The only part of human life Fred doesn't like is women. You'll change, Fred!

LORRAINE HASTINGS

Glee Club, 2.

Lorraine, known to her friends as "Lorry", can always see the bright side of things. Her optimistic nature ought to help her hold her job when she becomes a secretary.

WILLIAM HIGGINS

Football, 3.

"Billy" is the quietest person in the Senior Class, but he really can be humorous when he wants to be. He is a good football player. His ambition is to play for the New York Giants. He is rather shy with the girls, but perhaps such shyness is a virtue.

ETHEL HODGDON

Secretary, 2, 3; Athletic Association Vice-president, 4; Year Book Staff; Senior Play; Tri-Delta Vice-president.

Ethel ("Hodgie") will long be remembered by her classmates for her friendliness and her unselfish work for the good of the class. She wants to be a receptionist.

LILLIAN HORMAN

Basketball, 1, 2, 3, 4; Tri-Delta President.

Lillian, known as "Lil" or "Red" by her friends, is a great basketball enthusiast. She was a member of the championship girls' team of '38 and was the league's high scorer. Lil's hobby is sewing. Her aspiration has always been to play the bazooka. Lil's ambition is to become a nurse after training at Tewksbury.

DOROTHY JENKINS

Tri-Delta.

Friendly, genial, good-humored, "Dot" goes about her way without interfering with other people's affairs. She has been a brightening influence of our class for many years.











MARY KELEHER

Year Book Staff; Tri-Delta Treasurer.

Mary's sunny disposition, dependability, and fun-loving nature insure her success and happiness. Her cheerfulness and her winning personality have made her very popular.

GENEVIEVE KENNEDY

Genevieve is a quiet and conscientious student with a cheery smile and a pleasing and unassuming manner. Her ambition is to be a nurse. We'll remember you, Nurse, when we are ill!

ELEANOR KING

Year Book Staff Editor-in-Chief; Senior Play; Radio Play, 2.

Eleanor is sweet, unassuming, and cheery,—always ready to be helpful. "Ellie" says that she wants to reach the tremendous height of five feet, but any one who has as many things in her favor as she has, should worry about her stature!!!

CHARLOTTE KITCHEN

Newspaper Staff, 4; Year Book Staff; Senior Play; Tri-Delta.

Cheerful, humorous, fun-loving, friendly,—Charlotte has won a place in the hearts of her classmates. She wants to succeed in life, and with her characteristics, she surely stands a good chance to!

MARJORIE KITCHEN

Humorous and mischievous, Marjorie, like her sister Charlotte, has won a place in the hearts of her fellow classmates. She will never be forgotten. Marjorie wants to be a nurse.

JANE LARSON

Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Massachusetts Music Festival, 2; Orchestra, 1, 2, 3, 4.

Jane is a quiet, unassuming girl with a vein of humor running through her character. She is talented musically. Her ambition is to be as good a pianist as her classmate, Virginia Parker. You'll have to go some, Jane, but we all wish you luck!

JULIA LEAVITT

Treasurer, 1; Basketball Manager, 4; Athletic Association Treasurer, 4; Year Book Staff; Tri-

Julia, better known as "Betty", has an infectious smile and a keen sense of humor. Her conscientiousness and her sunny disposition have won her many friends. Julia plans to become a stenographer.

JEAN LIBBY

Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Massachusetts Music Festival, 2; Year Book Staff; Tri-Delta.

Smiling, sincere, friendly, and understanding, Jean long will be remembered among her friends. She is bound to succeed in her ambition to "be a friend to all and an enemy to none."

RITA LORANGER

Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Massachusetts Music Festival, 2; Year Book Staff; Senior Play; Tri-Delta.

Rita's jolly nature, musical laugh, and sense of humor have made her well known and well liked by her classmates. Rita wants to be a church vocalist after she graduates from Howe High.

JEAN MacARTHUR

Basketball, 4; Year Book Staff; Athletic Association Play, 3; Tri-Delta.

"Jackie", fun-loving and attractive, has a winning personality. In sports, in social activities, and in studies, she ranks high. With her cheery smile and sincerity, Jackie is a friend worth having.











PRISCILLA MAYO

Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Year Book Staff.

"Prissie" is a quiet, persevering girl who mever starts anything she cannot finish. She wants to be an opera singer. May your life be a song, Priscilla!

VIRGINIA MAYO

Year Book Staff; Senior Play.

"Ginny" is a quiet, dependable, serious-minded girl who wants to teach French. With her determination and willingness to work, we are sure she will become whatever she starts out to be.

EDWARD McCLOSKEY

"Spike" wants to become a business man. His aspiration is to make a million dollars over a week-end. He loves bookkeeping, English, and history. With your ambition, "Mac," you should really show the world what Billerica boys can do.

DOROTHY MONGAN

Although small in stature, 'Doffie's" ability is not to be measured in inches. She wants to be a governess, and her sincerity, faithfulness, friendliness, and keen sense of humor will surely help her to succeed in her chosen field.

JOHN MORRILL

Glee Club, 1, 2.

"Duke's" sole ambition is to be a radio operator. He is a good engineer now, and he is studying his hardest to become a famous one. He has a severe dislike for the weaker sex. You'll 90 a long way, John! Just keep at it, and your name will be in history books.

KATHLEEN MURPHY

Kathleen will be remembered for her merry blue eyes and her infectious smile. Friendly, conscientious and sincere, she is bound to succeed in her chosen field,—stenography.

DAVID NOONAN

Year Book Staff; Sportsmanship Brotherhood, 3.

"Dave" is the class sheik. He is an attractive person, and the girls know it. He wants to become a successful business man. You have the ability, "Dave". Keep up the good work, and you will find that some day you will come out on top!

JUNE OGDEN

June's cheery smile, sense of humor, understanding, and common sense will be sure to spell success for her as a nurse.

DONALD PALMER

Year Book Staff Business Manager.

With his fun-loving, amiable nature, "Mack" is one of the most popular boys of the class. He stands forth (with the aid of his red shirt) from the more moderate members of the class. "Mack's" ambition is to get the class of 1939 at least as far as New York on our class trip, and knowing him as we do, we might just as well consider ourselves there now!

ROBERT PARKER

Class Essayist; Year Book Staff Associate Editor; Senior Play; Baseball, 4.

"Ribby" is a witty and intelligent fellow whose ambition is to become a professor of English. With high marks in all his subjects, "Ribby" has an excellent chance of getting at the "head" of an English class.









VIRGINIA PARKER

Class Essayist; Vice-president, 2; Glee Club, 1, 2, 4; Massachusetts Music Festival, 2; Orchestra, 1, 2, 4; Vacy Pook Staff, Padio Play 1

4; Year Book Staff; Radio Play, 1.
 "Ginger" will long be remembered by her friends for her scintillating personality, twinkling eyes; and vivacious smile, and for her determination to graduate in three years. Her talent as a pianist, her versatility, and her scholastic ability have enabled her to make a complete success of her high school career.

MARY PASHO

Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Massachusetts Music Festival, 2.

Mary, apparently quiet and serious-minded, has an underlying sense of humor that breaks forth to the surface at unexpected times. Mary's ambition is to become a dietician.

DELORES POIRIER

Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Massachusetts Music Festival, 2; Operetta, 1; Tri-Delta.

"Tootsie" is one of the most popular girls in the class. She has a pleasant smile and a mischievous light in her brown eyes. Her ambition is to become a costume designer, and we know that this ambition will soon become a reality.

JOSEPHINE POMANACKI

Newspaper Staff, 4; Year Book Staff; Radio Play, 2.

"Jo" has a manner, which, though calm and retiring, is none the less winning. Her quiet dignity conceals a striking sense of humor. With a perfect scholastic record behind her sincerity and her determination, "Jo" will be sure to succeed in attaining one of her ambitions: to be a journalist or to be an accordionist.

DORIS QUINN

Vice-president, 1, 2; Year Book Staff; Tri-Delta.

One may find in Doris a perfect example of what the well-dressed school girl should wear. Her ambition, we understand, is to become a private secretary. We know that Doris, with her winning smile and her pleasing personality, will find success.

SHIRLEY RAYMOND

Basketball, 1, 2, 3, 4, captain, 3, 4; Tri-Delta.

Shirley is the outstanding girl athlete in our class. She loses her quiet classroom manner the minute she steps on the basketball floor. She has captained the Howe girls' basketball teams to two championships in two years. Always good company, she is one of the most popular girls in the class.

MERLINE RIPLEY

Glee Club, 4; Tri-Delta.

A fun-loving nature, friendliness, and a pleasing personality assure success for Merline.

LOUISE ROBICHEAU

Tri-Delta.

Louise, better known as "Duchess" to her friends, is a petite, blue-eyed brunette. Her charming personality enables her to make friends easily. Her ambition is to become a nurse to some handsome, wealthy, masculine person.

CHESTER SANDBERG

Baseball, 3, 4; Sportsmanship Brotherhood.

"Chet" is always on the lookout for a good practical joke. He says that his pet peeve wears skirts, but personally, I'd take that with a grain or two of salt. "Chet" wants to be a "cop" just like his "pop."

RALPH SANDBERG

Ralph is a quiet fellow who goes about his own business and keeps out of other peoples'. He says his ambition is to become a workingman,—evidently the W. P. A. doesn't appeal to him.



PHILIP SCOTT

Baseball; Glee Club, 2; Operetta, 2; Sportsmanship Brotherhood. "Scotty" is a carefree lad, who loves to dance and tear cars apart. His ambition is to be a first-class draftsman. He is good at drawing pictures, and when answers to

questions in English "slip his mind", he substitutes pictures.

ELEANOR SHEEHAN

Tri-Delta.

"Nunna", as she was nicknamed by her classmates, is an attractive, blue-eyed brunette. Her flashing smile, her pleasing personality, and her keen sense of humor have won for her many friends. Her ambition is to make a good housewife for some lucky fellow.

CATHERINE SMITH

"Kay" is a quiet, but fun-loving girl who has brightened the high school with her rosy cheeks and her cheery smile. Always ready for a good time, Kay has many friends among the Seniors.

DOROTHY SMITH

Tri-Delta.

"Dottie" is one of our sophisticated members who lend an aweinspiring (for the underclassmen) dignity to that august body, known as the Senior Class. Her friendly manner and her keen sense of humor have made her one of the most popular girls in her class.

LESTER SNYDER

Football, 4; Senior Play; Radio Play, 2.

"Les" is a good-humored fellow with a studious and industrious turn. He hopes to be an aereonautical engineer, and we are sure that he will realize his high ambition.

HELEN SPENCER

Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Massachusetts Music Festival, 2; Year Book Associate Editor; Athletic Association Play, 3; Senior Play; Radio Play, 2; Tri-Delta.

Helen is a sociable, attractive, and courteous Senior. Her amiability has made many friends for her. Her hobby is dancing. She is a friend well worth having.

STELLA STASKIVICZ

Basketball, 1, 2; Tri-Delta.

Stella ("Stasky") is known by the other members of the Senior Class for her perpetual, jolly, infectious smile. Her pet peeve is to have her named spelled wrong. She likes to read detective stories. (Practicing up to be a Sherlock Holmes, Stella?) Her ambition is to become a stenographer.

ROSAMOND TEDESCO

Glee Club, 4; Tri-Delta.
"Teddie" is a charming young lady with a winning smile. Her sincerity and her friendliness have made her a welcome addition to cur class.

LOIS THURBER

Glee Club 4; Tri-Delta.

Lois is a young lady whose quietness, soft voice, and dependability endear her to her friends and destine her for success as a private secretary.

BENJAMIN TOLUTIS

Basketball, 4; Sportsmanship Brotherhood, 3; Year Book staff.

"Benny" is one of the best-natured boys in our class. One hardly ever sees him without a big smile on his face. Benny says his favorite sport is basketball. He wants to be an aviator. Hope you reach the top, Benny!













WILLIAM TRAINOR

Baseball, 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball, 1, 2, 3; Football, 3, 4; Glee Club, 1; Year Book Staff; Sportsmanship Brotherhood, 3.

"Bill" is a great sportsman. His athletic training should be of assistance to him in realizing his ambition. He wants to follow in his father's tracks and be a good policeman. His pet peeve is English. A policeman doesn't need English, anyway, does he, Bill?

ESTHER WATSON

Tri-Delta; Cheer Leader.

"Es" is one of the jolliest members of our class. She has great ability as a cheer leader and is known for her "jitterbugging". You are sure to find Esther whereever there is fun going on.

MARY WILLIAMS

Orchestra, 1, 2, 3, 4; Eastern High School Music Festival; Massachusetts Music Festival, 2; Year Book Staff; Tri-Delta.

Mary's sweet disposition and friendly, though bashful, nature have won for her many warm friends. "Willie", as she is called, wants to become an excellent flutist.

DOROTHY WINDER

Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Massachusetts Music Festival, 2; Year Book Staff; Senior Play; Tri-Delta.

"Dot" is an attractive girl with a flair for wearing clothes. She is conscientious and efficient in whatever she attempts to do. "Dotty" has a great love for classical music.

PAUL WOOLLARD

Football, 3, 4; Year Book Staff; Sportsmanship Brotherhood, 3.

"Ches", as he is known among his friends, is a seemingly serious-minded, industrious, and conscientious fellow, but there is always a twinkle in his eye that belies his serious nature. Paul says his pet peeve is English teachers, but he doesn't mind them too much. He wants to be a good bookkeeper.

CLASS BALLOT

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Best Lookin	g Boy		•				•	. Morton Bent
Best Lookin	g Girl		•					. Doris Quinn
Smartest Bo	by .		•					. Robert Parker
Smartest Gi	rl .							. Virginia Parker
Cutest Girl								. Delores Poirier
Class Woma	n-hater					٠		. William Higgins
Class Man-h	ater							. Virginia Mayo
Class Infant								. Lois Thurber
Most Sophis	ticated (Girl						. Dorothy Winder
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Class Talker								. Julia Leavitt
Class Sport				•				. Waller Finnagan
Class Actor								. Forrest Blair
Class Actre	ss .							. Dorothy Winder
Class Shiek	•							. David Noonan
Class Wit			•					. Morton Bent
Best Dresse	ed Boy							. David Noonan
Best Dresse	d Girl							. Delores Poirier
Most Promis	ing Boy			٠				. Robert Parker
Most Promis	ing Girl							. Virginia Parker
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Most Mischi								. Morton Bent
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CLASS HISTORY

"The man who wins is the man who works, Who neither labor nor trouble shirks, Who uses his head, his hands, his eyes—
Yes, the man who wins is the man who tries."

ITH THE preceding thought in mind, the class of 1939 began its high school career in the fall of 1935. A class election was held, and the following were selected as officers: Charles Howarth, president; Doris Quinn, vice-president; Robert Ellis, secretary; and Julia Leavitt, treasurer. Miss Tyler was chosen class adviser.

A Freshman dance was held February 14, 1936. In June, the class voted to go to Canobie Lake for the class outing.

We started our second year by electing the following officers: Charles Howarth, president; Doris Quinn, vice-president; Robert Eliis, secretary; and Ethel Hodgdon, treasurer. Our class adviser was Miss Griffin.

The first social event of the year was a Hallowe'en party. An outstanding activity during our Sophomore year was the broadcasting of "The Giant at the Well" over station WLLH, in Lowell. The participants were Helen Spencer, Priscilla Mayo, Mona Leslie, Eleanor King, Bernice Burns, Lester Snyder, Forrest Blair, and Donald Maxwell. Miss Belcher directed the p'ay. The last event of the year was the annual outing at Canobie Lake.

During our Junior year, our activities were guided by Charles Howarth as president, Eileen Freeman as vice-president, Marvin Conrad as secretary, and Ethel Hodgdon as treasurer. Miss Osgood was appointed class adviser.

The first enterprise of our Junior year was selling tickets for the illustrated lecture, "The Restoration of Williamsburg," sponsored by the Billerica Garden Club. Many beautiful slides of Colonial clothes, gardens, and buildings were shown.

As the end of the year drew near, all looked forward to the biggest event of the year, the Junior Prom, which was held on May 13, 1938. The ball was gay with kaleidoscopic decorations. A colossal rainbow-colored bag, in which balloons of every hue were kept for a balloon dance, was suspended from the ceiling. The small surrounding lights were covered with iridescent paper lanterns.

Once again the class went to Canobie Lake for the class outing.

Bubbling over with plans, we held our first class meeting of our final year. The following officers were elected: Charles Howarth, president; Morton Bent, vice-president; Eileen Freeman, secretary; and Waller Finnagan, treasurer. Mrs. Sampson was chosen as class adviser.

The Tri-Delta Club, organized by the girls of the class of 1938, has been carried on by the girls of the class of 1939.

"Little Women," the Senior Class Play, was given on December 9, 1938. Dorothy Winder, as high-spirited, unpredictable Jo, and Lester

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Snyder, as lonely, romantic Laurie, played the leading roles. Jo's sisters were played by Ethel Hodgdon as the motherly, grown-up Meg; Helen Spencer as the shy, unselfish Beth; and Eleanor King as the prim, egotistical Amy. Charlotte Kitchen portrayed the sweet, kind motner. Forrest Blair first acted the part of the dignified old gentleman, Mr. Lawrence, and later the part of the kindly Professor Bhaer. Robert Parker was a serious, refined young tutor. Rita Loranger, as the peppery, garrulous Aunt March, and Virginia Mayo as the March's dependable, understanding housekeeper, completed the cast. Under Miss Belcher's excellent direction, "Little Women" proved to be the most interesting and the best attended Senior Play ever staged at the Howe High School. The attractive period costumes worn in the play were designed by Miss Irene Holdsworth.

In leaving, the class of 1939 passes the following maxim along to the undergraduates:

"For all your days prepare, And meet them ever alike; When you are the anvil, bear; When you are the hammer, strike."

VIRGINIA T. MAYO

CLASS WILL

- I, Claire Badger, leave my numerous boy friends to all Junior girls who have a difficult time getting one.
- I, Morton Bent, leave my rosy, freckle-less complexion to Henry Mahoney.
 - I, Forrest Blair, leave my pep to a funeral home.
 - I, Blanche Bocko, leave my slimness to Johnny Jones.
- I, Bernice Burns, leave my chemistry notebook to all Juniors taking chemistry next year, hoping that it will save them all the trouble that the chemistry students of '39 had in trying to get their experiments approved.
- I, Robert Clark, leave my shoes with the rubber soles and rubber heels to Marvin Conrad.
 - I, Edith Colgate, leave my horse sense to Doris Barnard.
- I, Albert David, leave my English notebook to any Junior who is foolish enough to take it.
- I, Howard Dickerman, leave my ambiguous answers in English to the Pinkerton Detective Agency to figure out.
 - I, Mary Dolan, leave my continuous smile to any gloomy Junior girl.
- I, Gertrude Eaton, leave my ability to be absent from school almost one quarter of the time and yet get a good mark on an English mid-year exam to some less fortunate underclassman.
 - I, Elaine Emerson, leave my shapely finger nails to Virginia Fish.
- I, May Emery, leave a big grin to the never-smiling statue in the study hall.
- I, Eileen Ennion, leave my voracious appetite to that certain member of the faculty who sympathized so keenly with me every Thursday at her curtailed lunch period.
 - I, Stanley Field, leave my bottle of "Slickum" to Weston Taylor.
- I, Waller Finnagan, leave my asper gum as an alibi to a'l undergraduates caught chewing gum in the future.
- I, Eileen Freeman, leave my ability to play basketball to next year's champions.
 - I, Mary Gardner, leave the city of Woburn to the girls in Pinehurst.
 - I, Mary Granfield, leave my studious nature to Randal Hurley.
 - I. Fred Gullage, leave my six feet to Charles Peaslee.
- I, Lorraine Hastings, leave a note with a three-cent stamp on it for Miss Baker.
 - I, William Higgins, leave my melancholia to Bobby Bull.
 - I, Ethel Hodgdon, leave the Senior Class to take up Pecky Wright.
- I, Lillian Horman, leave my love of minstrel show rehearsals to Mary O'Neill.
- I, Charles Howarth, leave my scholastic skills to "Mike" and "Spike", the co-captains of football, so that they may stay eligible.
- I, Dorothy Jenkins, leave the corner outside Room 21 to some other Juliet and her Romeo.
 - I, Mary Keleher, leave my raven hair to Eileen McSweeney.

- I, Genevieve Kennedy, leave my inveterate propensity for creating disturbances in the study hall to Leonard Stevens, my personal nomination for the quietest man at Howe High.
- I, Eleanor King, leave my love to stick up for my rights to any weak-kneed Junior.
 - I, Charlotte Kitchen, leave my ability to snoop to next year's Ima.
- I, Marjorie Kitchen, leave a book of complimentary poems to Mr. Twohig.
- I, Jane Larson, leave to the future Senior orchestra members a deep appreciation of classical music, and to Evelyn Elwood, my little silver trumpet.
- I, Julia Leavitt, leave my high heels to some future office-girl who wishes to annoy teachers and to attract attention.
 - I, Jean Libby, leave my good enunciation to the English classes.
- I, Rita Loranger, leave my mellow voice to any enterprising future Kate Smith of Howe high.
- I, Jean MacArthur, leave my crutches to "Mike" Knowles to use during the football season.
 - I, Priscilla Mayo, leave my giggle to the sensible Juniors.
- I, Virginia Mayo, leave my "Who, me?" to Miss Baker, in remembrance of her Latin IV class.
 - I, Edward McCloskey, leave my love of English to Marvin Conrad.
 - I, Dorothy Mongan, leave my enormous height to Helen Westlund.
 - I. John Morrill, leave the Senior Class, I hope.
- I, Kathleen Murphy, leave my "gift of gab" to help shy Juniors win arguments with bold teachers.
 - I, David Noonan, leave my aging chariot to Bill LeLacheur.
- I, June Ogden, leave my homeroom seat, which is right under Miss Baker's nose, to Freddie Dawson.
 - I, Donald Palmer, leave my red shirt to Jackie Cobb.
 - I. Robert Parker, leave my loquaciousness to Mae Michael.
- I, Virginia Parker, leave to Miss Baker a book entitled "Tried Excuses for all Occasions."
 - I. Mary Pasho, leave my love of "gym" to Helen Sullivan.
 - I. Delores Poirier, leave my wardrobe to a Junior would-be mannequin.
- I, Josephine Pomanacki, leave my ability to get along with teachers to any Junior who has teacher-trouble.
 - I, Doris Quinn, leave my slight "avoirdupois" to Margaret Finlayson.
- I, Shirley Raymond, leave my high-jumping ability to the forwards on next year's basketball team.
- I, Merline Ripley, leave my plaid skirt to any Scotch lassie in the Junior class.
- I, Louise Robicheau, leave my "one and only's" car to any one who likes to ride in style.
- I, Chester Sandberg, leave my great typewriting ability to some future Senior.
- I, Ralph Sandberg, leave my roller skates to Marvin Conrad to help him get to school on time.

- I, Philip Scott, leave a pen and a bottle of ink to Miss Osgood to lend to other pupils who, like me, never risk carrying ink, even in a fountain pen.
- I, Eleanor Sheehan, leave my well-kept, wavy coiffure to any Junior with straight hair.
- I, Catherine Smith, leave my Wooley's handbook to "Bud" Condon. to cherish as fondly as I always have.
 - I, Dorothy Smith, leave my arms to Venus of the study hall.
- I, Lester Snyder, leave to the Howe high school library a copy of "The Trials of an Amateur Lovemaker" for any of the Junior boys to use when sympathy is needed.
- I, Helen Spencer, leave my sympathy to future editors of the Howe High School Year Book.
 - I, Stella Staskivicz, leave my cow to Doris Grenier.
- I, Rosamond Tedesco, leave my quiet, unassuming manner to Dot Ward.
 - I, Lois Thurber, leave my love of college English to Alice Tintle.
- I, William Trainor, leave my good standing with Miss Osgood to Martha.
 - I, Bronislaw Tolutis, leave my first name to Henry Mahoney.
- I, Esther Watson, leave my cheer-leading ability to Gwennie Northgraves.
- I, Mary Williams, leave my expert flute playing knowledge to "Trumpeter" Taylor.
- I, Dorothy Winder, leave my discriminating color sense to "Red" Mason, Howe's "Sadie Green," with hopes that his choice of neckties will improve.
 - I, Paul Woollard, leave my collection of fine ties to Jackie Cobb.

ELAINE EMERSON, Chairman JEAN MacARTHUR WALLER FINNAGAN PRISCILLA MAYO BRONISLAW TOLUTIS

CLASS PROPHESY

Come, thou fair and wanton mistress of the oracle, disperse The enshrouding clouds of time to come. For one brief moment let me look
Upon the thread of Clotho, Lachesis, and Atropos, the Fates,
That I may tell of things which, presently,
Will come to pass. Disclose to me
The futures of my classmates who await,
With ever-growing restlessness, the verdict. . . .

"You, who supplicate the Oracle, do wisely. Give ear, Mortals, and endeavor to comprehend. Strive not to evade the future the Fates have forecast; their will permits no compromise."

The oracle waved her hand.

"Behold the Land of Yet-to-Come!"

Immediately an oppressive and overwhelming drowsiness came over me. I had barely time to reach a couch along the wall of the chamber before I lost consciousness.

I felt myself walking down a road which I had never seen before, and which led, according to a sign, to a city whose name was also unfamiliar.

I noticed a number of children playing on the lawn before a house. Their resemblance to each other left no doubt that they were brothers and sisters. I spoke to the eldest:

"I say, Sonny, what is your name?"

"Forrest Blair,—Junior."

I looked at the crowd of upturned faces about me. There were fourteen in all.

"Where is your—er—father?" I asked.

"In there," he replied, pointing to the house, "washing dishes."

"—and your mother?"

"She's in there makin' 'im do 'em."

Not wishing to disturb the apparent domestic tranquillity of the scene, I thanked the boy and hurried on.

I reached the town somewhat fatigued, and was resting on a park bench when two men approached and seated themselves on a bench opposite me.

"I say, Mr. Gullage," said the first, "I'll read you the list of things I already have.

"All right, Mr. David."

Howard Dickerman is skipper of "The Mink." (That is an East Boston ferry, you know).

A beautiful out-of-town blonde practically threw herself at William Higgins, but he couldn't find his tongue to "pop the question," and lost her.

Donald Palmer was a celebrated scientist and inventor until one day, in an abstract mood, he slipped off into the fourth dimension.

Rosamond Tedesco began as a secretary, but she married her "boss." Now he takes the dictation.

June Ogden has just made the best-seller fiction list with her book: "You Can Never Always Sometimes Tell."

Rita Loranger, after trying for years, finally hit D above high C. She has been given a job singing in a local boiler factory.

Jean Libby is a "therapational octopus." That's one who goes about making people think that they can do things that they have known right along were impossible.

The Mayo girls are joint holders in a bus line that goes down Al'en road in Billerica every ten minutes.

"Lil" Horman is using up some of her overabundant vitality in "jerking" sodas at Liggett's in Lowell.

Claire Badger is the wife of Bob Burns—a "tall story" couple, as it were.

Eleanor Sheehan, prominent Beacon Hill socialite, started a temperance movement in Boston by smashing up a bar in that city.

Paul Woollard is recuperating at Massachusetts General Hospital. He choked from wearing a necktie.

Mrs. Albert David, the former Gertrude Eaton, has just written a book entitled "Stay Thin and Win."

Dorothy Mongan won a walking race recently. When interviewed, she said, "To win this race, I simply followed the example of my Senior home room teacher, Miss Baker.

You can hear Mary Granfield on "Aunty Lib's Bedtime Hour," on the N. B. C. network every night.

Dorothy Winder and her adventurer husband are going back to the jungles where, he says, "Dotty" will be safe from admiring Beaux Brummels.

Mary Williams is the president of a company that sells braces for backs. That's Mary's secret for always sitting up so straight when she plays the flute.

"Phil" Scott is as interested as ever in the florist business, but he hasn't done anything about it yet.

Johnny Morrill is talking about radio, as usual.

Bernice Burns is making a business of giving people pieces of her mind.

"Billy" Trainor followed in his father's flatfoot steps. He is as handsome a "cop" as his father was. His first case was discovering when the War of 1812 was fought.

Biology teacher, Catherine Smith, is still trying to stop blushing.

Merline Ripley, doctor's assistant, has been reported for making eyes at the doctor instead of keeping her eyes on the patient.

Josephine Pomanacki has just been awarded a medal for being the only editor in the world whose office is always neat.

Dorothy Jenkins, who is still trying to swing "My Buddy," is singing with the best bands.

Mary Gardner, well-known actress, is drawing the crowds playing the part of Scarlett in "Gone With the Wind."

Julia Leavitt, the only woman auctioneer in the world, is the fastest talker at the World's Fair in Boston.

Jane Larson is in Sweden making holes in cheese.

"Twisty" Bent, the insignificant little piece of inconvenience that is president of the "Bent Complexion Cream Co., has been "playing the field" since graduation from high school.

Private secretary, Lois Thurber, is employed in a glue factory. She certainly sticks to her "boss."

After sitting on a tack, Jean MacArthur finally jumped as quickly as "Rosie" O'Neill wanted her to in basketball games. "Blessed is he who sits on a tack, for he shall rise again."

"Benny" Tolutis is in Hollywood training novices in the art of sighing effectively. His former teachers at Howe High gave "Benny" an excellent recommendation for his job.

Louise Robicheau is one of the most "sought after" nurses in the Boston City Hospital. What a crowd of men have been trying to break bones!

Ralph Sandberg committed suicide when Genevieve Kennedy married Forrest Blair.

"Bobby" Clark became manager of a boys' basketball team that won the State championship.

"Dot" Smith has just gone to Reno to get her fourth divorce, and her fifth husband.

May Emery, the owner of one of the "hot spots" in Billerica, was last seen enroute to Honolulu with the cave man of the movies, Charlie Howarth.

Ask aviator Edward McCloskey what life is, and he is sure to say that it is a matter of ups and downs. It took him a long time to get up the nerve to get off the ground.

Mary Keleher is in Panama training alligators. They used to give her the "willies."

Lester Snyder is a movie director. He is especially good at the love scenes.

Ethel Hodgdon is living the life of a quiet old maid. She enjoys herself only when she is with her chickens.

Blanche Bocko is employed taking mice out of the rice in Kathleen Murphy's factory.

Doris Quinn Newman, president of the Parents' Personal Problems Program, is starting plans for a new day-nursery on High Street.

Majorie Kitchen was the first of the Kitchen girls to enter into matrimony. They say it was because she could cook.

"Ribby" Parker has just sprouted wings and is flying the "Yankee Clipper." His angelic propensities were always marked!

"Dave" Noonan, the international lover, recently ran for mayor of East Burlap on the platform of love.

Helen Spencer is modeling "kids" clothes. Being so-o-o small, Helen is well qualified for the job.

Waller Finnagan has been elected to a public office in his favorite city, Cambridge. He is the dog-catcher.

Eleanor King, that infinitesimal tid-bit, recently married a relative of James Twohig. Note: Height runs in his family.

Mary Pasho has just opened another Mary Pastry Shoppe in her chain of stores. Her motto is "Quantity not Quality."

Esther Watson is on tour delivering her lecture: "The Restoration of Old Bil'erica."

Eileen Freeman is the most famous author in New England. Her parody of "Hamlet" is one of the best sellers.

"Tootsie" Poirier has so many dogs that she has to sleep in the dog house and let them use the bedrooms in her mansion.

"Shep" Field, banking magnate, manages to keep just ahead of Chester Sandberg, the Certified Public Accountant.

"Spud" Colgate is the popular heart-throb of the hills.

Virginia Parker wished to be a concert pianist, but she is now a happy housewife without time even to play a lullaby to her eight little girls.

Elaine Emerson is one of Billerica's most prosperous nurses. She attributes her success to a smile of assurance which makes her male patients say, "Oh, Nurse, I feel so safe now that you are here."

Stella Staskivicz wanted to see Eileen Ennion in the Paris Fashion Show so badly that she stowed away in a coal bin on a large freighter.

Mary Dolan is running a Cupid's Clinic at Howe High.

Lorraine Hastings sits at home knitting, and wondering what new "case" may take her detective hubby from her.

Shirley Raymond recently won the U. S. championship for women's high jumping.

Charlotte Kitchen has just been sued for libel.

I had been watching these fellows intently for the last few minutes. I finally gained enough courage to speak to them.

"You'll excuse me, sirs," I questioned, "if I should ask what you are doing? You see, I used to know some of the people of whom I heard you speaking."

"We are compiling a sort of survey of the class of '39."

Suddenly the queer dizzy sensation came over me again. I opened my eyes to find myself lying on the cot where I had fallen. Afraid that I should forget what I had heard, I immediately sat down at a type-writer, and, with one finger, wrote the above—"stuff."

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ATHLETICS

FOOTBALL

Coach—Chester Ingraham

Captain—Charles Howarth

The Howe boys, playing their first season on the new high school athletic field, did not have a particularly successful campaign. After outplaying Johnson, Howe lost her first game, 12-6. The Green handed Weston her only defeat of the year, a 7-0 loss. Howe dropped the Amesbury game by a 26-0 loss, but returned to down Wilmington, 13-6. A powerful Methuen contingent took the Green, 28-0; and a classy Ipswich outfit ran over Howe for a 25-0 win. Riddled by ineligibility and injuries, the Billerica boys dropped the Tewksbury game, 7-0; but then returned the following week to down Dracut, 6-0. The Green lost the final game of the season to Chelmsford, 13-0. At the conclusion of the season, Captain Charlie Howarth was named guard and co-captain on the Lowell SUN All Suburban Team. Waller Finnagan, "Mike" Knowles, and "Spike" Solomon were picked for the SUN'S second team.

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Coach—James Twohig

Captain—Waller Finnagan

The Howe High boys did not have an outstanding basketball season. They won only two of their eight league games, and took one of their six non-league games. The boys in green and white, however, learned much basketball under the able coaching of Mr. Twohig, and a fine season is expected next year. The Johnson game that Howe won by a 6 to 5 margin is the lowest scoring game ever played in the league. Referee MacBeth said that it was probably a national low-score record.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Coach—Rose O'Neil

Captain—Shirley Raymond

Coach O'Neil's Howe girls repeated their 1938 victory by taking the Merrimack Valley Suburban title for a second year running. The girls in green played good ball all the time. After dropping one of their eight league games and tying two, they were tied with Wilmington for first place. They easily downed the Wilmington girls in a post-season game, and took the suburban crown. The Howe girls readily took all non-league opposition. In appreciation of their outstanding record, the girls were awarded jackets and basketball charms at the end of the season. Captain Shirley Raymond was chosen as captain and guard on the Lowell SUN All Suburban Team, while Dot Ward and Doris Barnard were picked as All Suburban forward and guard respectively.

BASEBALL

Coach—Royal Adams

Captain—"Bud" Condon

The Howe High nine, crippled by the loss of several players through graduation, and with several inexperienced men, has shown marked improvement in every game to date. The "Little Green" of the suburban league may be relied upon to show plenty of spirit, and should win its share of games during the 1939 campaign.

CHARLES HOWARTH, Sports Editor

HUMOR

He: "Do you dance?" She: "Oh I love to (too). He: "Well let's do that instead."

Miss Osgood: "Tolutis, parse this sent-

ence: 'John married Jane.' "
Tolutis: "'John' is a noun because it's the name of something; 'married' is a conjunction because it joins 'John' and 'Jane'; 'Jane' is a verb because she governs 'John'."

Waiter: "What is your order, sir?"
Forrest Blair: "A demi-tasse please." Waiter: "And yours?"
David Noonan: "The same as his with

a cup of coffee."

Waitress in ice cream parlor: "Did

you order this sundae, sir?'
Absent-minded Parker: "Goodness! Have
I been here that long?" Absent-minded
I been here that long?"

* * *

"I'm no good unless I strike," declared the match.

"Yes, and every time you strike you lose your head," complained the matchbox.

Neighbor: "They tell me your son is on

the high school eleven."
Mrs. Finnagan proudly: "Yes, indeed!"

Neighbor: "Do you know what position he plays?"

Mrs. Finnagan: "I'm not sure, but I think he's one of the drawbacks."

Teacher: "If they speak Spanish in Spain, what do they speak in Alaska?"
Snyder: "Elastic."

Miss Osgood: "What did Homer write?"

Chet Sandberg: "'The Oddity' and 'The Idiot'."

Miss Baker: "Were you late this morning?"

Edith Colgate: "No, the bell didn't wait for me."

Mr. Adams: "Why do you persist in saying that lightning will never strike the front of a street car."

Bent: "Because the motorman is a

non-conductor."

Demonstrator (in factory): "This machine can take the place of forty girls."

Youthful Worker: "Yeh, but who wants a date with a machine?"

Two halves make a whole and the fullback goes through.

Teacher (to little sophomore who is reading in class): "You didn't express that mark at the end of the sentence! Try again!"

Sophomore: "Oh! Why are you sad,

little buttonhook?"

Miss Osgood: "You've looked at his paper three times."
Bent: "Yes, ma'am. He's a freshman

an' he don't write very plain!"

Blanche Bocko: "Caesar must have been awfully strong."

Mrs. Sampson: "Why?"
Blanche Bocko: "It says here: 'Caesar pitched his camp across the river'."

School is a place That everyone fears, And isn't it funny We go there for years.

Miss Baker: "What is the meaning of 'Domine'?"

Pupil (distractedly): "Oh Lord!" Miss Baker: "Correct."

John Ross: "Did you kill any moths with those moth-balls I gave you?"
Gullage: "No, I tried for five hours, but I couldn't hit one."

Woollard: "Teacher told us to have the description of a caterpillar ready for tomorrow. Does anybody know the description?"

Howarth: "Why, just tell her that it

is an upholstered worm."

Miss Collier: "Field, what insect lives on the least food?"
Field: "The moth. It eats holes."

Irate traffic officer (to Phil Scott who was driving along at 70): "Do you know how fast you're driving?"

Phil (lasping into customary answer given in English class): "It just slipped my mind."

We editors may dig and think Until our finger tips are sore; But somebody is sure to say, "Aw, I heard that joke before."

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